# Lexington

**MASSACHUSETTS** 



# Welcome to Bio Pharma in Lexington!

Lexington is a center of intelligence and innovation located less than ten miles from Cambridge, MA. Over the past ten years, the Town has become home to 27 drug development companies with over 2,850 biotech and pharmaceutical jobs.

Lexington is part of the Massachusetts "Super Cluster," with access to a smart and talented workforce and close to the world's top universities and medical resources, such as MIT, Harvard, Tufts, Mass General, Longwood Medical, Lahey Clinic, BU Medical and New England Medical Center.

In addition, Lexington's largest employer, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, is the springboard for cutting edge

technology receiving nearly \$740 million in defense contracts in 2011.

One bonus of doing bio in Lexington is a cost savings of almost 50% as compared with Cambridge: roughly \$31 versus \$60 per square foot.\* Through a local regulation, the Town's Board of Health issues permits to operate based on the National Institute of Health (NIH) guidelines on rDNA research.

Add to that Lexington's unmatched quality of life and one of the State's best school systems and you'll find that Lexington is a place where you can live, grow a business, and raise a family!

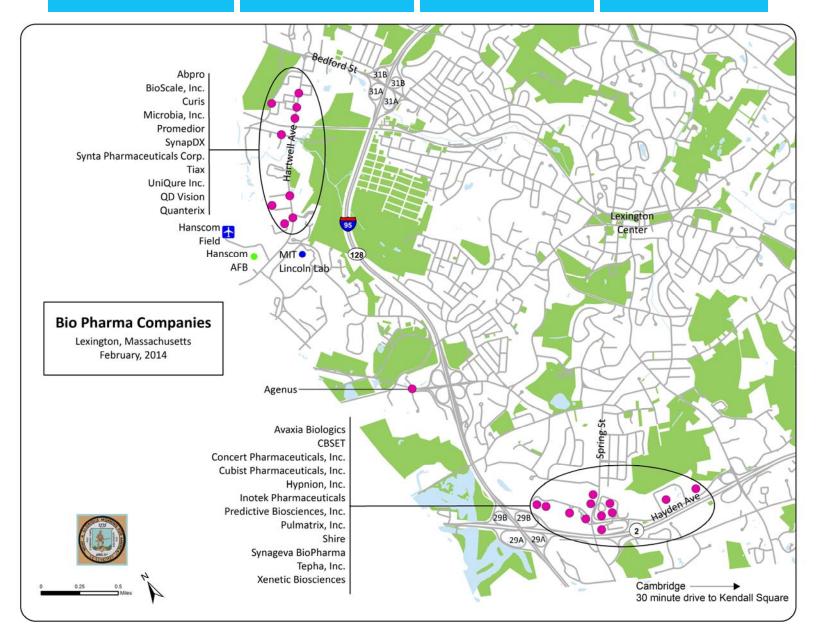
\*Boston Business Journal, "Wave of biotech firms leaves Cambridge area for Lexington," October 25, 2013

The Lexington Advantage 2,850+ employees in a cluster of 27 biotech & pharma companies

Almost 50% cost savings compared to Cambridge

**BioReady Platinum = adopted safety codes and shovel-ready sites** 

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# Of the 10 fastest growing public companies in Massachusetts, two are in Lexington:

# Synageva BioPharma #2 Agenus Inc. #5

Boston Business Journal - BBJ Research Alert, June 27, 2013

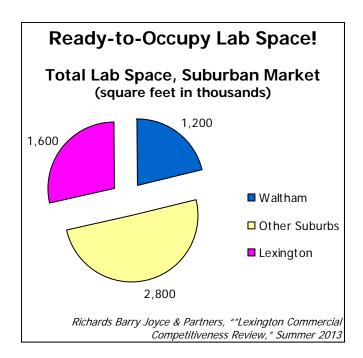
Top Bio Employers	# of Employees
Shire	1,250
Cubist	700
Synta	130
Agenus	60
Concert	47
BioScale	40

#### **Supportive Local Government**

New zoning along Hartwell Ave. to expand development capacity

The Board of Health issues permits to operate based on the NIH guidelines on rDNA research

Economic Development staff to facilitate development and guide through permitting



LEX STATS	
Size	16 square miles
Population	31,400
Median Age	46
Median Household Income	\$138,100
Median Home Price	\$689,100
Adults w/ college degrees	78%
Total Jobs in Lexington	20,100
Commercial Property Tax Rate	\$29.79 (per \$1,000 of assessed value)
Lexington Public Schools	Ranked #3 in the Greater Boston Area



## Pride in our past, planning for our future

Lexington holds a very special place in American history-it is here that the very first battle of the American Revolution was fought on April 19, 1775. Often referred to as the "birthplace of American Liberty," Lexington welcomes thousands of visitors each year who come to see the historic sites and local landmarks, such as the Battle Green, Buckman Tavern and the Minuteman National Park. The community values its rich history and prioritizes investment in its cultural amenities.

The community strongly values its high-quality public schools, which have long been an attraction for residents who settle in Lexington. In 2013, Boston Magazine ranked Lexington Public Schools #3 among schools in the Greater Boston Area. Three new schools have been built within the last six years.

## **Quality of Life**

Lexington is a scenic New England town filled with dynamic and caring citizens who cherish the Town's history and invest in its future.

#### **FDUCATION**

Public School system is ranked #3 in the Greater Boston Area Source: Boston Magazine, 2013 Best Schools List

#### OPEN SPACE

Over 1,400 acres of conservation land, including trails and recreation space

Source: Town of Lexington Department of Conservation

#### WELL-MANAGED TOWN

AAA bond rating
Source: Moody's Investors Service

#### SMART & DIVERSE

Very diverse and welcoming community with a large number of new residents; 78% of residents have college degrees; 51% of residents have graduate degrees

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey

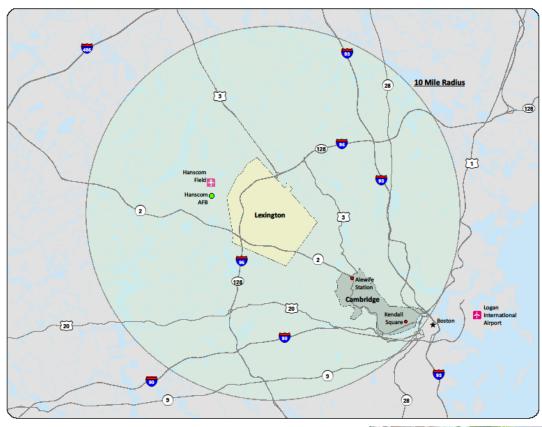
#### CULTURAL AMENITIES

Lexington Historical Society
Liberty Ride
Minuteman National Historical Park
National Heritage Museum
Historic Battle Road
Lexington Symphony
Cary Memorial Library





# **LEXINGTON IS CONNECTED**



Road Transportation	Easy Access to Routes 2 and 3; Route 128; and Mass Turnpike
Air	Boston Logan International Airport and Hanscom Field
Commuter Shuttle	128 Business Council offers shuttle service from the Red Line at the Alewife subway station
Public Transit	MBTA bus lines 62 and 76  Lexpress provides in-town fixed route mini bus service
Bike Trail	The 11-mile Minuteman Bike Trail runs through Cambridge, Arlington, Lexington and Bedford







# **UniQure**

The newest member of Lexington's biotech community!

Investment:

\$20 million

Size:

55,000 sq. feet

Facilities:

Office, Laboratory & Manufacturing

Programs Leveraged:

Massachusetts Tax Increment Financing Program

"The Town of Lexington's Hartwell Avenue Business District is a leading Life Sciences hub. This area was an ideal location for uniQure as it seeks to develop its U.S. operations being connected to the densest biotech super cluster in the world as well as being accessible to a wide catchment area for employee talent. In addition, the Tax Increment Financing plan offered by the Town supports our investment and helps UniQure position itself as a fully integrated global gene therapy company."



Philip Astley-Sparke President U.S. UniOure



UniQure, a biopharmaceutical manufacturer based in Amsterdam, is a leader in the research and development of human gene based therapies. UniQure was the first company to receive approval for a gene therapy product in the Western world following the approval of Glybera for lipoprotein lipase deficiency by the European Medicines Agency in late 2012 and has a pipeline of additional gene therapy product candidates in development. It was elected to MIT Review's "2013 List of 50 Most Disruptive Companies," which features the world's most innovative companies from all industries. UniQure's construction of a state-of-the-art plant at 113 Hartwell Avenue in Lexington marks a significant expansion of its production capabilities and represents the positioning of itself as a global leader in the manufacturing, development and commercialization of gene therapy products.







# **HARTWELL AVENUE**

"Having more space for growth, cheaper rent and easy access to routes 2 and 3, Route 128 and the Mass Pike are just a few reasons that companies are attracted to Lexington. Town officials, the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and others are also aiding in the effort by making Lexington friendly to the biotech industry by building the infrastructure needed to support the number of companies moving into the area."

-Boston Business Journal, "Wave of biotech firms leaves Cambridge for Lexington," October 25, 2013

#### **The REV Shuttle**

The 128 Business Council's newest commuter shuttle connects Hartwell Avenue with Alewife Station!

- ♦ Free Wifi
- ♦ GPS tracking
- ♦ Employees of member companies: \$1/ride
- ♦ Non-member: \$3/ride

For more information, visit http://128bc.org/rev-hartwell-area-shuttle

#### **Hartwell Mobile Eats**

This program brings food truck vendors to Hartwell Avenue Monday-Friday!

New quad at 4, 101, and 113 Hartwell Avenue provides an outdoor common area which features seating, new landscaping, a gas fire pit for cold days and a bicycle storage area for all employees

The Lexington Board of Health issues food service permits to mobile food trucks. Each truck must pass a food safety and sanitation code inspection before being issued a food service permit to operate on Hartwell Ave.













# **Lexington Gets It!**

- **FAST-TRACK PROJECTS**
- **COOPERATIVE SPIRIT**
- UNDERSTANDS BIO BUSINESS

# **LEXINGTON**

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"Greater Boston is home to one of the largest, most vibrant life sciences clusters in the world. Lexington has established itself as the premier destination for suburban life sciences companies, rising to the top as a premier destination for both established and up-and-coming biotech companies. A primary reason has been the Town's willingness to work with both companies and landlords to support an environment that enables dynamic companies to flourish."



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